## Wind Water Nexus Larry Flowers, NREL

- Water Supply & Quality- often as important as electric supply
- Irrigation & Thermal Electric Generation accounts for approximately 77% of US fresh water use
- Population/Urban Growth & Climate impactincreasing stress on water supplies

#### Public supply, 11 percent



Public supply water intake, Bay County, Florida

#### Irrigation, 34 percent



Gated-pipe flood irrigation, Fremont County, Wyoming

#### Aquaculture, less than 1 percent



World's largest trout farm, Buhl, Idaho

#### Mining, less than 1 percent



Spodumene pegmatite mine, Kings Mountain, North Carolina

#### Domestic, less than 1 percent



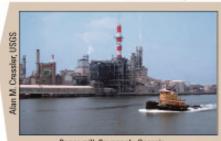
Domestic well, Early County, Georgia

#### Livestock, less than 1 percent



Livestock watering, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

#### Industrial, 5 percent



Paper mill, Savannah, Georgia

#### Thermoelectric power, 48 percent



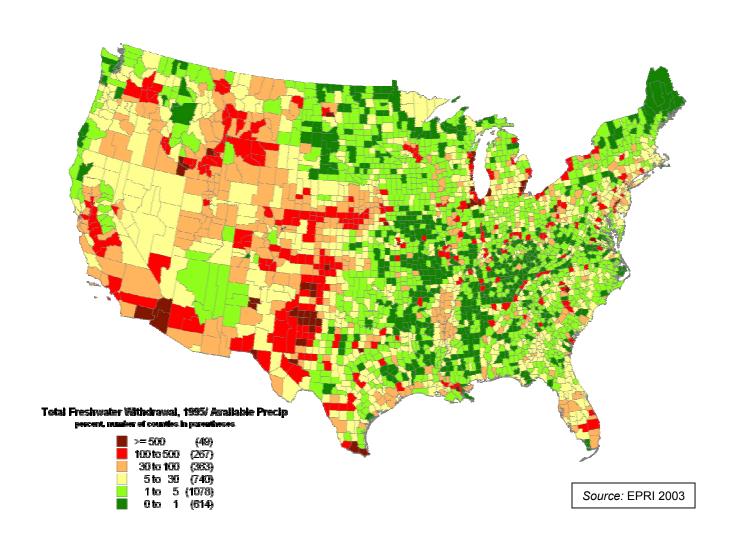
Cooling towers, Burke County, Georgia

# Total Water Withdrawals, 2000

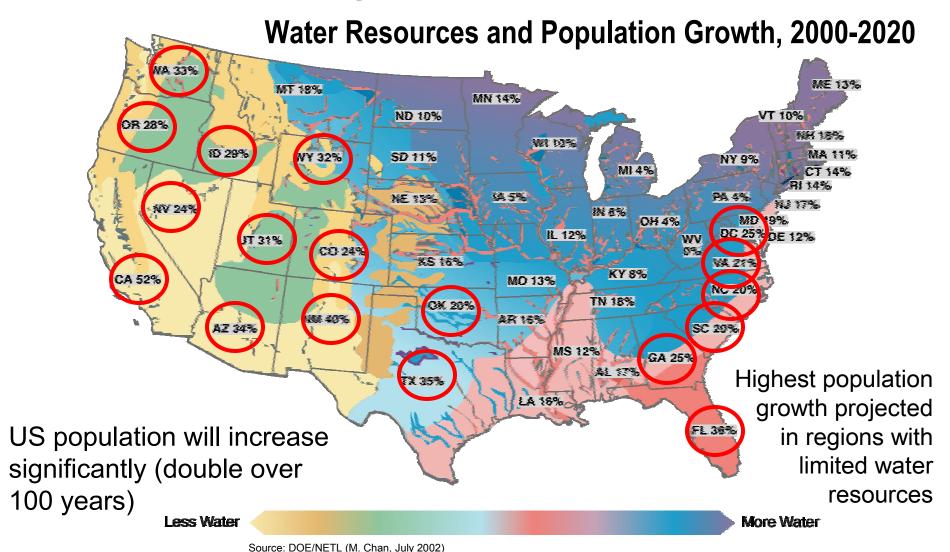
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## Sustainable Withdrawal Of Freshwater Is National Issue

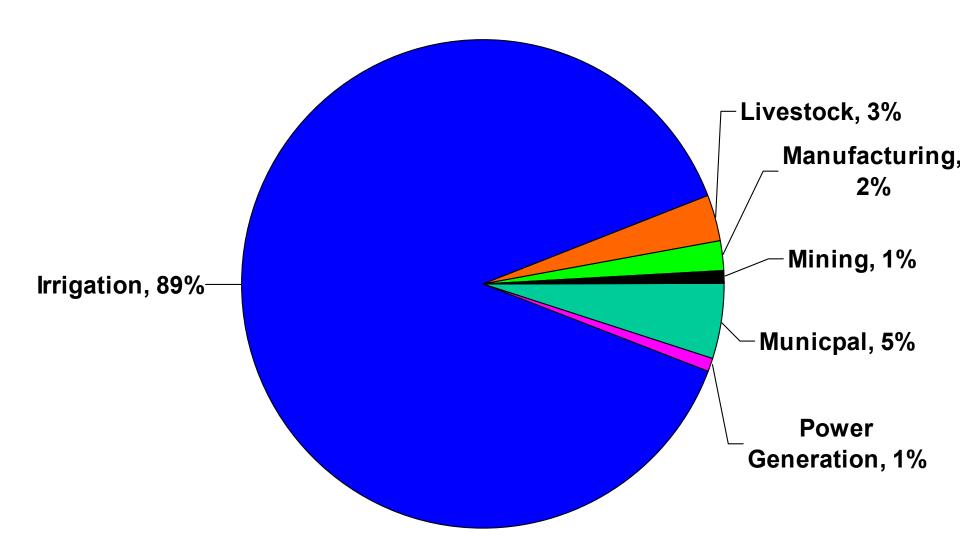


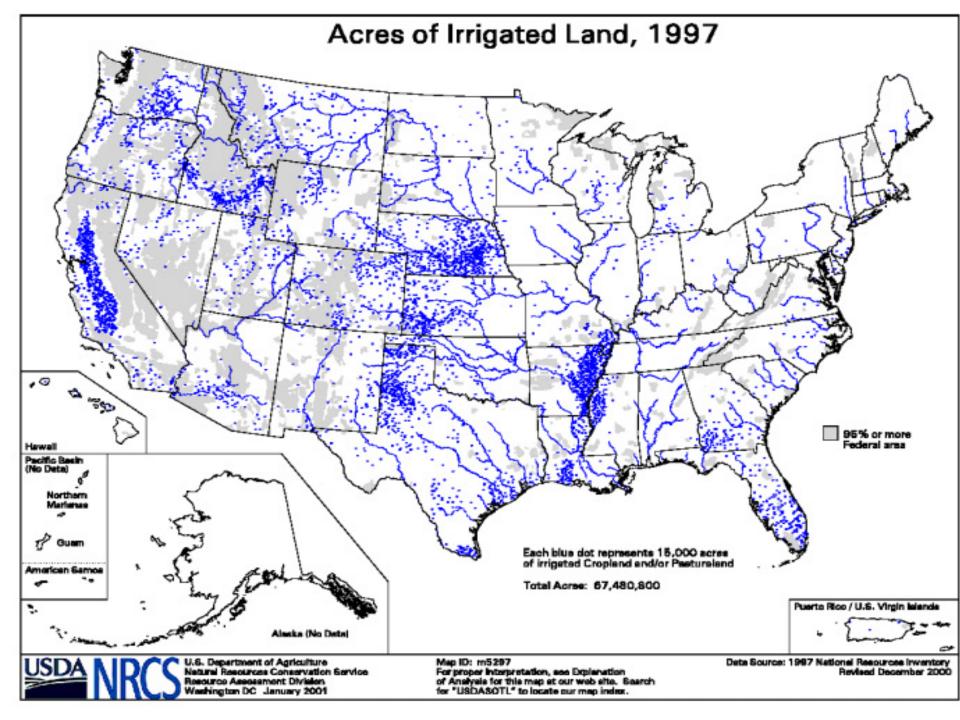
## Conflicts between economic development and water availability will continue across the US

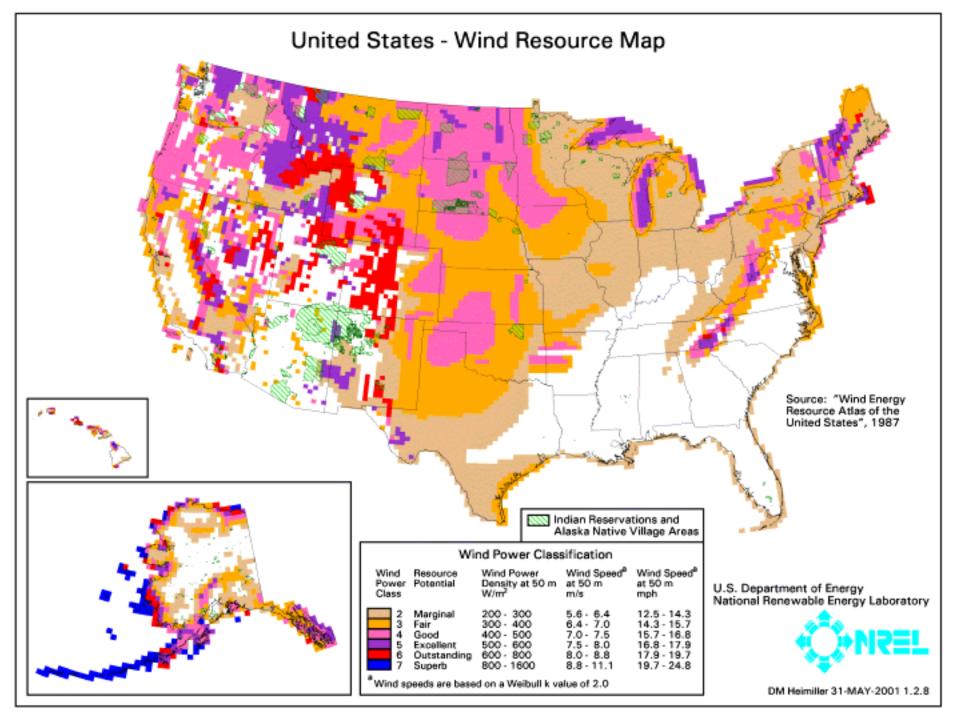




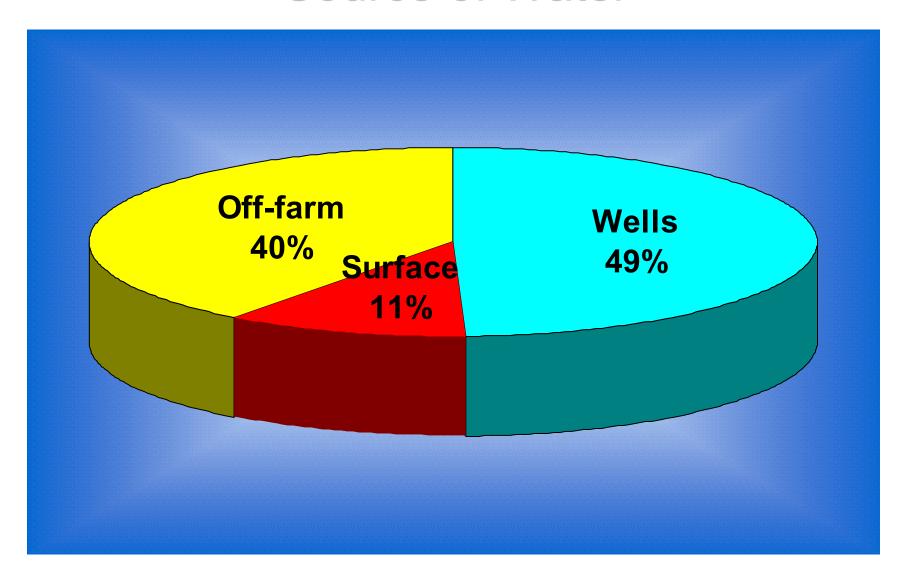
## Water Use for 2000



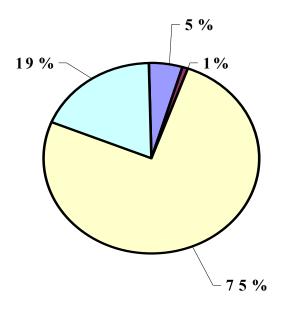




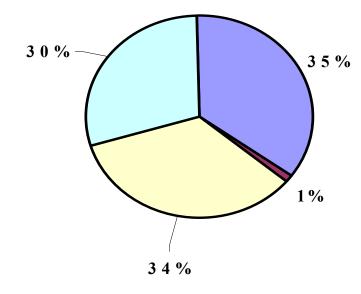
### Source of Water



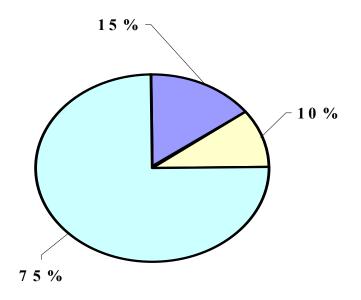
### **Colorado, Percent by Acres**



**Texas, Percent by Acres** 

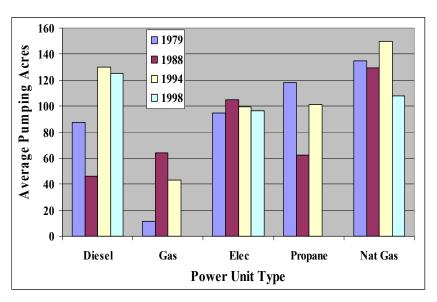


### **Kansas, Percent of Acres**

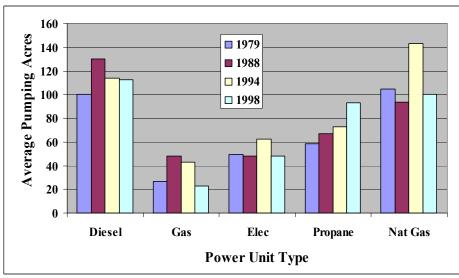


■ Diesel ■ Gasoline ■ Electric ■ LP or Natural Gas

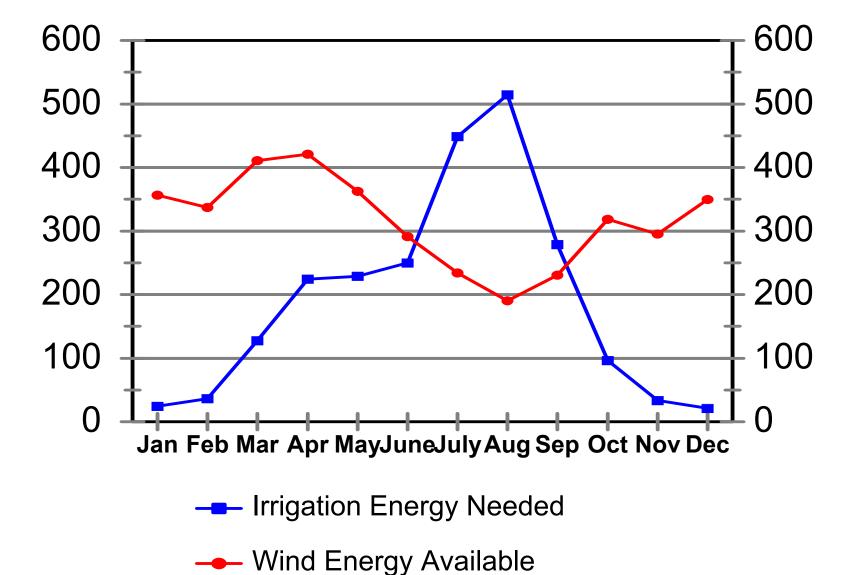
### Colorado



## **Texas**



## Irrigation Energy Needed & Wind Energy Available (1997-2000)



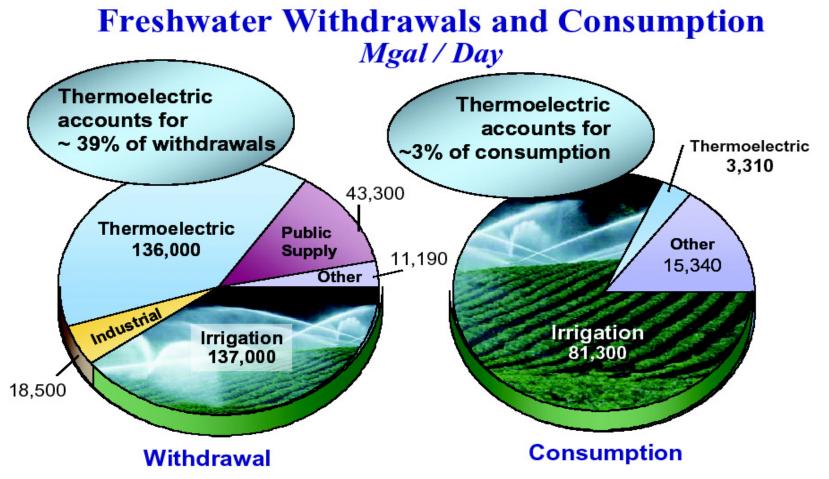
Wind Energy Available - kWhrs/m^2



## WESTERN RESOURCE ADVOCATES

## Water/Electricity Use at Fossil Fuel Power Plants

Bart Miller, Water Program Director



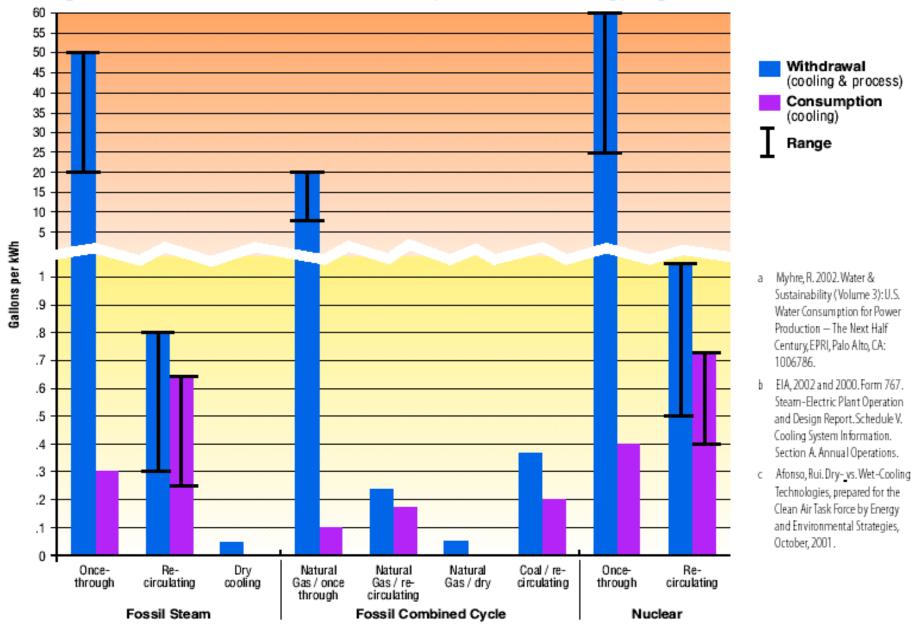


Ref.: "Estimated Use of Water in the United States in 1995," USGS Circular 1200, 1998
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EPRI Environmental Sector Roston 2004

Thomas Feeley, III, "Responding to Emerging Power Plant-Water Issues – DOE/NETL's R&D Program"

### Cooling Water Withdrawal and Consumption, by fuel and technology in gal/kWha, b, c



## Thermoelectric Power Plants – Water Usage

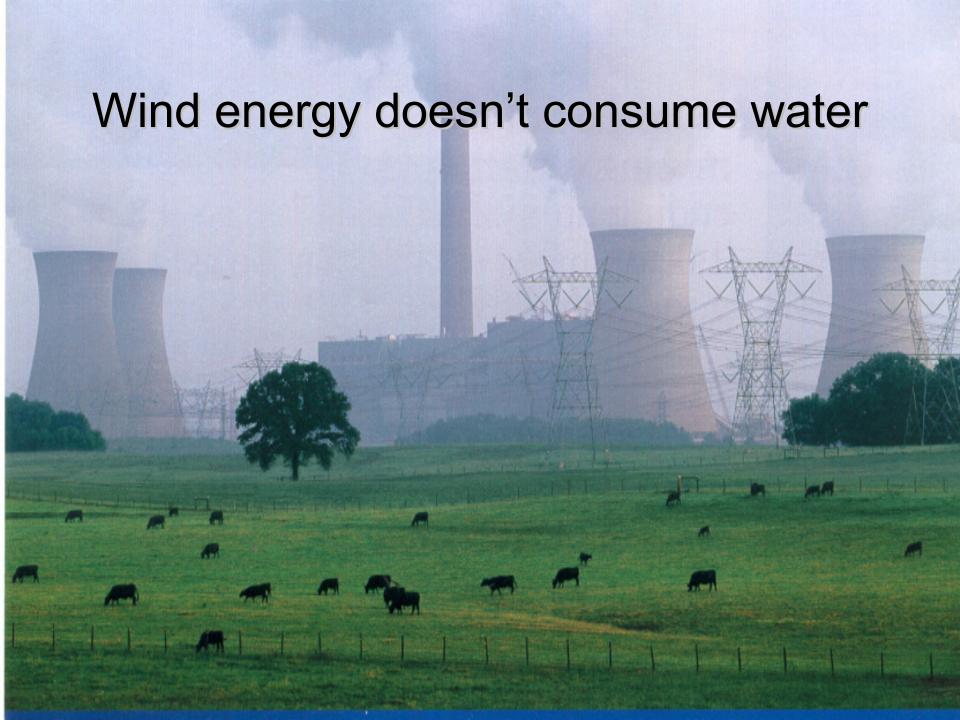
In 2002, nationwide:

- Withdrawals of water at all thermoelectric power plants = 225 billion gallons/day
- = 252 million acrefeet



• ~ ¾ size of Lake Erie

Source: Western Resource Advocates



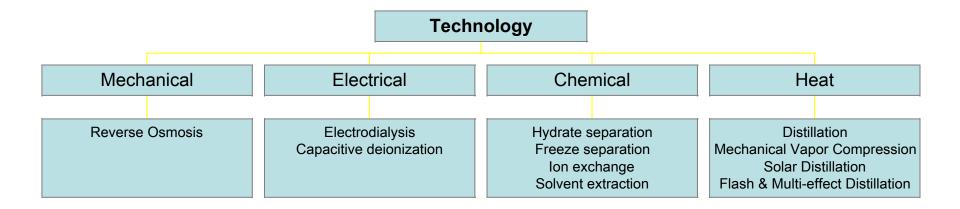
## DESALINATION and WIND ENERGY

Johannes Theron
Abe Springer
Amanda Ormond
Tom Acker

### WATER OVERVIEW

	World	US
Total water use (af/day)	8,700,000	1,250,000
Desalination capacity (af/day)	18,000	2,840
Specific use (af/person/year)	0.5	1.7

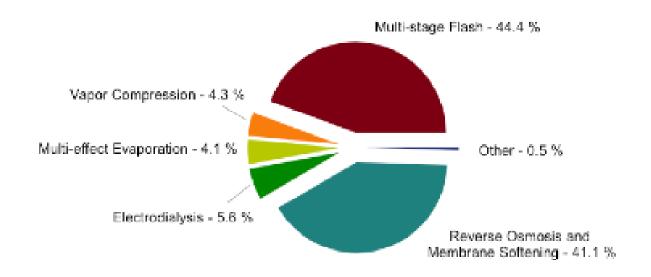
### **DESALINATION OVERVIEW**



- Distillation practiced since ancient times
- ED since 1920s
- RO since 1950s
- Capacitive deionization not full-scale

Northern Arizona University and Ormond Consulting

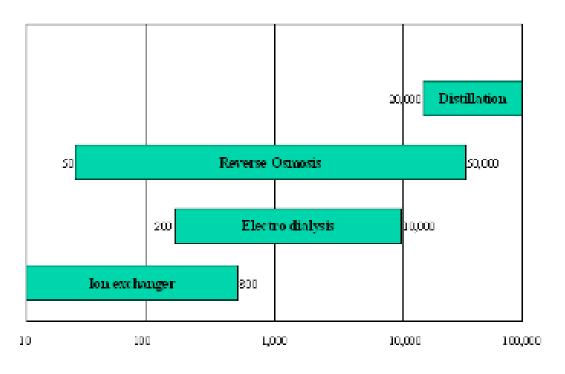
### **INSTALLED CAPACITY**



- Flash distillation & RO dominate
- MVC & ED minor players

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### **APPLICATION DOMAINS**



Salt concentration in water

- Distillation & RO seawater & brine
- ED & IX & RO brackish water

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### **GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION**

World - 8,600 plants

Majority of facilities in Middle East (MSF)

US 20% of world plants

TX (100+ brackish plants) Sherman - 80af/day

FL (10+ plants) Tampa Bay - 77af/day??

CA (10+ plants) - 8.5 af/day (712af/day proposed)

WA, ID, MT, NC, NJ, HI, VA, CO, AZ

### **DESALINATION COSTS**

- Cost is a function of saline content & plant size
- Electricity the major cost component (RO&ED)
- Fuel cost dominate for distillation processes
- Pretreatment cost vary with technology (RO~\$0.13/m³)
- Cost of brine disposal should be considered
- Tampa Bay 14MW installed (77 af/day desal)

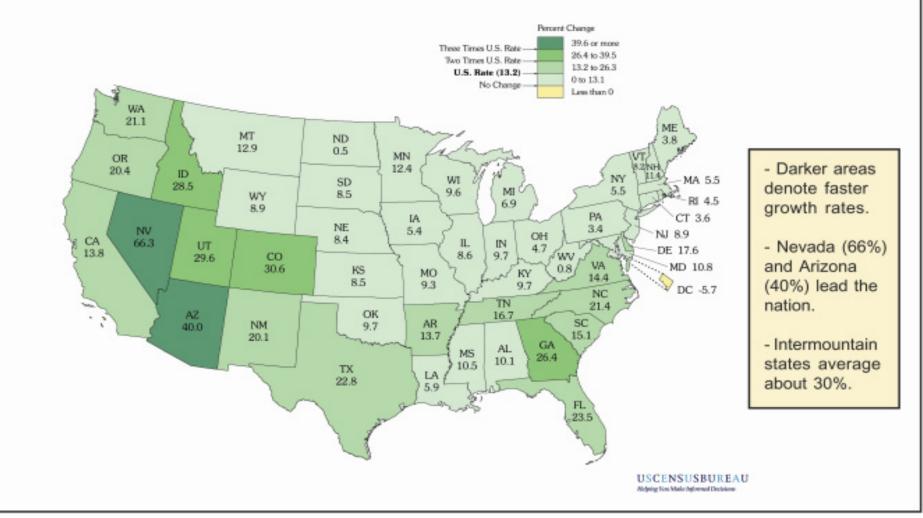
# The Energy-Water Nexus and the Municipal Sector

Robert Wilkinson, Ph.D.

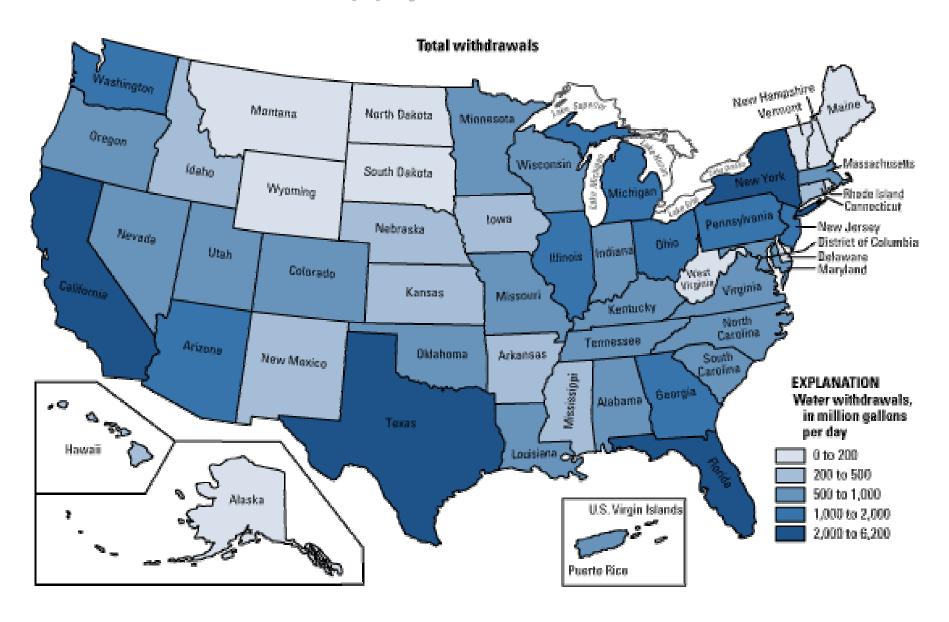
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## Demographic Changes: Population Has Grown Fastest in the West, Particularly in the "Public Land States"

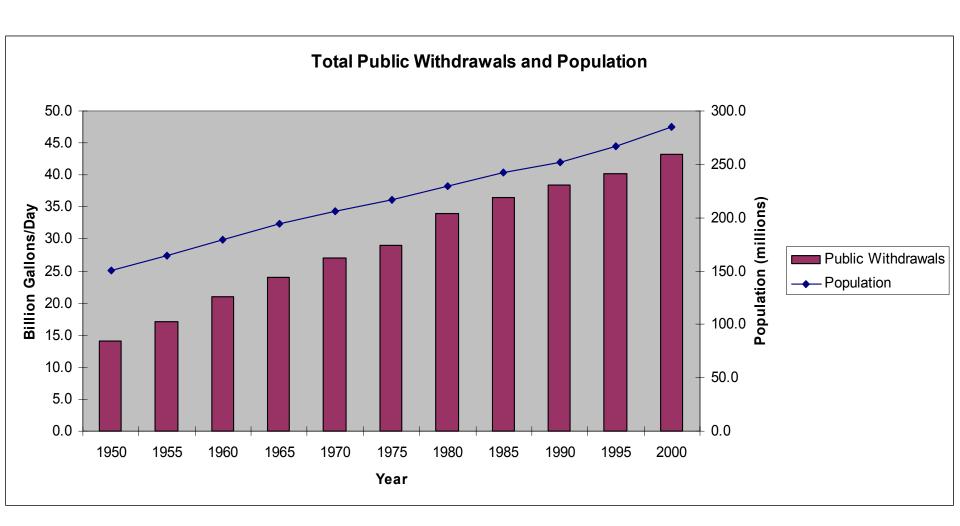
Percent Change in Resident Population for the 50 States and the District of Columbia: 1990 to 2000



## Public Supply Withdrawals, 2000

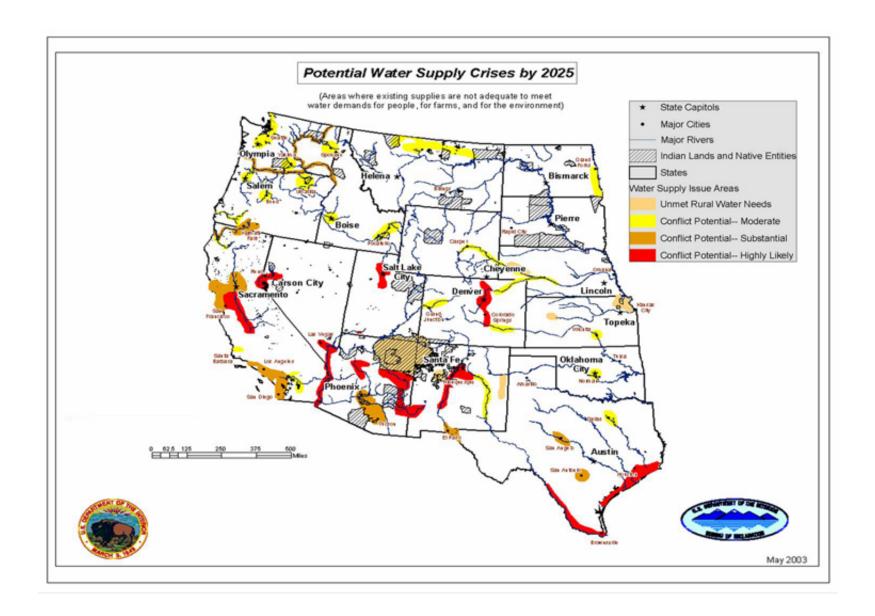


## Total Public Withdrawals and Population



Source: **USGS Circular 1268**, released March 2004 and revised April and May 2004 http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/circ/2004/circ1268/htdocs/table14.html

## **Hot Spots**



## Drought Impacts

- Reduced water for thermal power production
- Increased demand by both urban and agricultural users
- Increased pumping requirements to meet demand (both surface and groundwater)
- Reduced hydropower production

### Opportunities for Wind-Water Processing

- Wind-Hydro Integration
- Desalination
- Irrigation
- Municipal Waste Water Treatment
- Coal Bed Methane Extraction Water Treatment
- Stock Watering
- Next Step:
  - -Strategic Options Development
  - -Collaboration with Desal. & Irrigation Institutions
  - -Coordination with InterLab Wind-Water Group

## Humanity's Top Ten Problems for next 50 years

- ENERGY
- WATER
- 3. FOOD
- ENVIRONMENT
- POVERTY
- 6. TERRORISM & WAR
- DISEASE
- 8. EDUCATION
- 9. DEMOCRACY
- 10. POPULATION



2003 6.3 Billion People 2050 9-10 Billion People